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SUBJECT: PRESS SUMMARY, AUGUST 6

1. NYT (PAGE 1) BERNARD GWERTZMAN REPORTS FROM TEHERAN THAT FORD ADMINISTRATION HAS UNDERTAKEN AN INTELLIGENCE REVIEW TO DETERMINE WHETHER SOVIET UNION VIOLATED SPIRIT OF NEW TREATY ON UNDERGROUND NUCLEAR TESTS BY DETONATING TWO DEVICES LAST MONTH THAT MAY EACH HAVE EXCEEDED 150-KILOTON LIMIT. JULY 4 EXPLOSION WAS 100 TO 200 KILOTONS; SECOND BLAST POSSIBLY HIGHER. ADMINISTRATION WOULD PROTEST ANY VIOLATION OF "SPIRIT" OF ACCORD, IT WAS SAID. ALSO WP

2. WP (PAGE 19) MURREY MARDER REPORTS ON LITERARY GAZETTE ARTICLE CHARGING THAT CIA AGENTS THREATENED RUSSIAN DIPLOMAT O. V. KHARCHENKO IN NEW YORK IN ATTEMPT TO RECRUIT HIM AS DOUBLE-AGENT. U.S. OFFICIALS REFUSE TO CONFIRM OR DENY CHARGE THAT RECRUITMENT EFFORT MADE. THIS IS LATEST EPISODE IN WASHINGTON-MOSCOW CHILL.

3. WP (OP-ED PAGE) VICTOR ZORZA COLUMN STATES RAPID GROWTH OF AUTO PRODUCTION FOR PRIVATE USE IS BEING SLOWED DOWN. QUESTIONS ARE BEING RAISED, AS UNDER KHRUSHCHEV REGIME, ABOUT COMPATIBILITY OF PRIVATE CAR OWNERSHIP WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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SOVIET SYSTEM.

4. WP (PAGE 1, SPORTS SECTION) TRACK TEAMS OF U.S. AND SOVIET UNION CLASH FOR FOURTEENTH TIME TODAY, AND SATURDAY IN THE USA-USSR BICENTENNIAL TRACK MEET AT UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND. IT PROMISES TO BE CLOSER THAN LAST YEAR'S MEET AT KIEV.

5. NYT (PAGE 4) REUTERS ITEM FROM MOSCOW REPORTS THAT FIRE DESTROYED CHANCELLERY OFFICES OF AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY AND DAMAGED PART OF AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. HABIB

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